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TWO NEW GAY MAYORS

Two seacoast cities, one in California and one in Florida, have recently chosen gay men to be their new mayors.

In late November, John Laird became the first openly gay mayor of Santa Cruz when he was selected for that position by the City Council. Laird, elected to the Council in 1981, says he hopes to knock down some of the stereotypes about gay men and women. He indicated that he will be primarily concerned with the basic problems of running the city. Although he thinks it is important to be open about his homosexuality, his experience indicates that gay issues do not often arise at the local level.

Laird also indicated that he is working with Laguna Beach Mayor Bob Gentry, who is also openly gay,

to obtain passage by the California Legislature of a bill to ban discrimination in jobs due to sexual orientation.

Voters in Key West elected Richard Heyman as that city's first avowed gay mayor in an election held on November 1. Heyman received 54 percent of the vote and persuaded voters to reject pleas to vote for a "family man" and ignore warnings that his election would "bring more of them down here and hurt tourism."

Heyman, an art-gallery owner, moved to Key West ten years ago where hundreds of gay people have bought homes and businesses in recent years. The campaign attracted 60 percent of the city's nearly 12,000 registered voters, which was one of the largest turnouts in recent years.

GAY EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS!

Reseachers at the University of Denver recently conducted a survey dealing with sex and single evangelical Christians. One of the interesting findings of the study was that despite their traditional conservative teachings, single evangelical Christians seem to indulge, or to have indulged, in homosexual activity at about the same rate, give or take, as American society at large. Eight percent of those in the survey said

that they had engaged in homosexual activity.

The study was described recently at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. The principal authors of the study were Jean Wulf, a clinical social worker, and Bernard Spilka, a psychologist.

Some of the other findings were equally interesting. For instance, despite the fact that most fundamentalist evangelical churches teach that masturbation is sinful, about as many single evangelical Christians seem to approve of it as disapprove of it and engage in it more than once a week.

About 27 percent of the 365 frequent churchgoing singles studied admitted that they indulged in kissing and non-genital fondling more than once a week, and only 18 percent said they never do it. Traditionally, among fundamentalist evangelical churches, even kissing and limited petting has been discouraged for single people.

Some 59 percent claimed that they had never engaged in premarital intercourse or oral sex. But eight percent said they had intercourse more than once a week, and ten percent at least once a month.

Older singles were more likely to be sexually active than young evangelicals.

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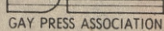
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The Kitchen Fairy



COME FOR MY COOKIES, AND I'LL GIVE YOU A NOG!

Hold on to your candy canes, dears, 'tis the season! Chests and nuts are roasting by an open fire. Jack Frost is nipping at whatever's exposed. Choirs are caroling door to door (ooh, house calls!). People are coming up your walk and down your chimney! Let's face it, you just don't know who's going to land under your mistletoes (kiss, kiss).

This fairy is always ready to rise to the occasion with "oh cum all ye faithful" on my lips and a store of goodies in my pantry. When the unexpected night visitor pops in on me, I just turn on my tree (a blue sBruce), hang up my stockings (ready to stuff), lay out my cookies, and give him a nog. Voila, an instant party!

In the true spirit of St. Nick (I know I'm built like the man, dears, but I certainly make the rounds more than once a year and wouldn't be caught dead in that outfit unless the fur was fox. However, I do like his spirit!) I am gifting you with two of my very favorite Holiday recipes. With these at hand, so is everything else! So make the yuletide gay with:

ON, VIXEN!

Anything worth doing is worth overdoing--with the possible exception of tinsel on your tree and this eggnog. Two glasses and every inhibition will melt away. Three and you'll fall on your knees and hear the angels' voices. More and you'll be hung by the chimney for days!

Preparation Time: 1 hour
Ferments: 2 weeks

Ingredients:

- 12 eggs
- 1 quart good French brandy
- 1 quart milk
- 1 pound granulated sugar
- 1 pint dark Jamaican rum (Oooh, I love dark Jamaicans!)
- 1 quart whipping cream

Preparation:

1. You will need a very large bowl to hold the whole mixture. Separate the eggs and put the yolks in the large bowl. Save the whites till later.
2. Add the sugar, and beat up the sugar and yolks until pale yellow.
3. Slowly, ever so slowly, stirring, ever stirring, add the brandy in a thin, steady stream. Then add the rum. (A whiff will give you an idea of the potency of this brew! And it still has two weeks to ferment!)
4. Slowly, ever so slowly, stirring, ever stirring (ooh!), add the milk in a thin,

steady stream. (If you add it too quickly, it will curdle.)

5. In a separate bowl, whip the whipping cream until it is thick but not fluffy.
6. Slowly and stirringly, add the cream to the booze mixture.
7. Beat up the egg whites until fluffy but not dry.
8. Add the egg whites to the booze mixture.
9. Mix everything thoroughly.
10. Put the mixture into gallon glass demijohns with tight stoppers. (These are not little "johns" but are big glass jars with rubber seals and metal clasps. See your hardware man!) Leave at least three inches at the top of each jar.
11. Store in a very cool place. (Your frig will do nicely.)
12. Turn the jars upsidown at least twice a day for about two weeks (morning and night) to keep the mixture mixed.

CARNAL CHRISTMAS COOKIES

Yield: About 4 dozen

If the way to a man's heart is through his mouth, honey, these cookies are it! Do put forth the extra effort to make these. I promise it will come back to you in very delightful ways. They are screamingly good!!!

Preparation Time: Give yourself an afternoon!
Baking Time: 10 minutes

Ingredients:

- 2 cups flour
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup butter, softened (How you do this is up to you!)
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 Tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 cup grated, unblanched almonds
- 1 cup apricot preserves (ah, sweet fruit!)
- 4 ounces semi-sweet or sweet chocolate, melted and cooled
- 1/4 cup chopped pistachio nuts

Preparation:

1. Sift together the flour, salt, and baking powder.
2. Cream! Cream the butter well. Gradually add the sugar and continue creaming until light and fluffy as a fairy's wings.
3. Add the lemon juice and mix well. Add the dry ingredients and mix. Add the nuts (the almonds that is) and mix. Chill for about an hour.
4. Roll out the dough till thin on a floured pastry cloth or tea towel and cut with a floured two-inch cutter. (No cutter!? A glass turned upside-down will do.)
5. Bake at 350 degrees for about ten minutes. Cool.
6. Spread! Spread 1 teaspoon preserves on half of your cookies. Top with the other half.
7. Frost with the chocolate and sprinkle with the pistachio nuts.
8. If you don't eat them all immediately, store in an airtight container.

Have a Fairy Merry Holiday, dears, and don't miss next month's column: Resolutions--Break Them Before You Make Them! Till next we eat, yummy down and kiss, kiss....

The Kitchen Fairy

Hot for the Holidays!

The Gay of Cooking by The Kitchen Fairy



You can bet your leather bracelet this is no ordinary cookbook! *The Gay of Cooking* by yours truly is the hottest gift you can tie a bow around (outside yourself, that is!). I mean, look what you give for your money, honey:

- Almost 200 outrageous pages of food, fun and fabulous illustrations of me!
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- Also including an egg nog recipe that will make you fall on your knees and hear the angels' voices!
 - A colorful, wipeable cover on a book that is bound to lay flat when in use (if only this were true of other things!).
- So make the yuletide gay! Give *The Gay of Cooking*, and yummy down!

Kiss, Kiss.
The Kitchen Fairy

At a store near you or cut my coupon (oohh!).

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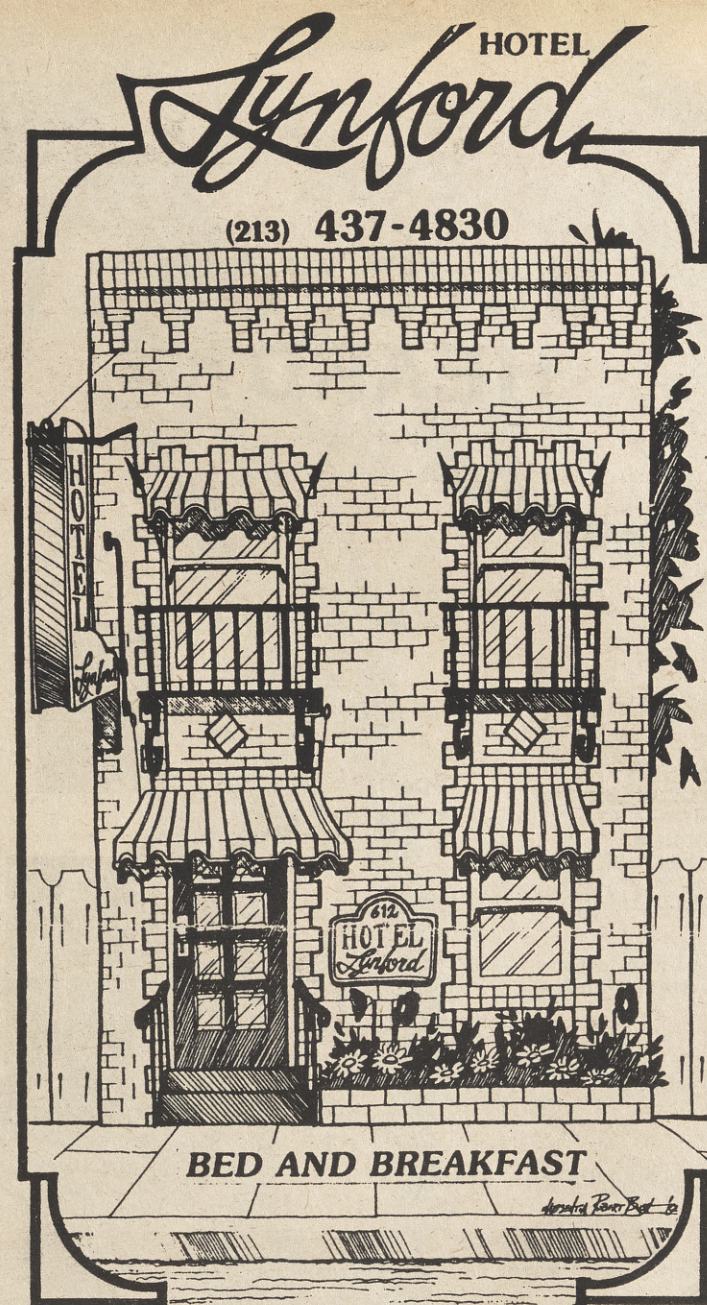
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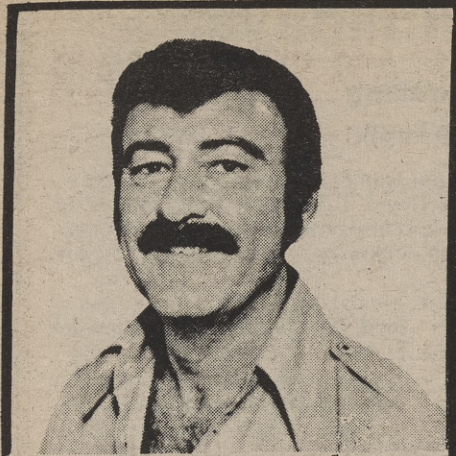
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DOING AMERICA WITH BOB DAMRON

Tidewater is the eastern portion of Virginia's coastal plain, and Hampton Roads is a bay separating the cities of Norfolk, Portsmouth, Hampton, Newport News, and Virginia Beach. Tidewater has a population of nearly a million, and Norfolk is the largest city in the Commonwealth of Virginia. This great natural seaport houses the largest naval base in the world and is headquarters of the Atlantic Fleet. Trident submarines and nuclear-powered aircraft carriers glide past the site where once the Monitor met the Merrimac.

Soaked in history, Tidewater housed Jamestown, the first English settlement in the New World. Later abandoned, it is now the Colonial National Historical

Park. Hampton was settled three years later in 1610 and claims to be the oldest surviving English settlement in America. Hampton and Norfolk played major roles in both the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, and Hampton was burned by the British in 1812. The battle between the Monitor and the Merrimac was the world's first conflict between two ironclad ships and led to the conquest of Norfolk by Union forces.

Ghent is a section just northwest of downtown Norfolk that is sort of the Castro or Greenwich Village of Tidewater. The most popular discos are a mile or so north of here. The Oar House is at 4107 Colley and the Cue at 4601 Killam. Both are frequented mostly by young male preppies, but attract some females too. Shirley's at 811 Colley is primarily a women's club. The Continental was one of the oldest gay bars in America, and many young sailors (now middle-aged) had their first encounters here. Now renamed the Boiler Room, it is probably the cruisiest men's bar between Atlanta and Washington, D.C. It is still located at the old downtown location at 111 Tazewell. Lafayette attracts some more mature women. After hours, especially on Saturdays, everyone heads for the Late Show, a private disco at 113 E. Princess Ann, where you can BYOB for set-ups.

Sprawling Virginia Beach is bordered by Norfolk on the west, Chesapeake Bay on the north, and the Atlantic Ocean on the east. Only twenty years old, it is the second largest city in the Commonwealth and has a population of 250,000. This active summer resort

has three miles of concrete boardwalk, and 29 miles of seashore. Surf swimming, sun bathing, fishing, boating, and water skiing are available. The Crystal at 315 17th St. is a good-looking new club which captures the beach crowds on sunny afternoons, and plans a split-level disco in the immediate future. It is just a few blocks from the well-known gay beach at 21st St. and the Boardwalk. Some correspondents also recommend Grandview Beach in Hampton.

The YMCA in downtown Norfolk is a good place for young men to stay and has a nautilus gym and swimming pool. Some gay visitors may like the Madison Hotel on Granby Mall or the Greenwood at Virginia Beach. I usually stay at the very busy Holiday Inn-Scope, while the most luxurious hotel is the Omni International, overlooking the Elizabeth River and neighboring Portsmouth, which is best over-looked. Many gay people converge on Stockley Gardens for Sunday volleyball and other games. For nighttime street cruising, try Freemason St. near the Boiler Room.

All Virginia bars are open daily until 2:00 AM and liquor establishments must serve food. Your best bets for burgers and light entrees include mixed places such as Elliot's, Clark's, Intermision, Colley Cafe, and Suddenly Last Summer. The Hampton Roads abounds with delicious seafood, and for good informal dining try the Iron Gate House, Lockhart's, Lighthouse, and Scale O' De Whale, but go late to the latter because they don't have a cocktail lounge, and the tiny waiting room is uncomfortable at best. For dress-up

gourmet dining, it's the Esplanade at the Omni. Steak 'n' Eggs on Colley is a late-night gathering place for coffee and cruising.

If you are visiting Tidewater for the first time, a must is nearby Williamsburg, John D. Rockefeller Jr.'s baby, and the most spectacular colonial restoration in America! Other points of interest include Norfolk-Portsmouth Harbor Tours, Gen. Douglas MacArthur Memorial, Mariners Museum in Newport News, Old Dominion University, and the National Aeronautical & Space Administration Center at Langley Air Force Base in Hampton. On weekends, some naval ships hold open house for the public, and the International Azalea Festival is held in late April.

Surrounded on three sides by the historic waters that have been its lifeblood for three centuries, Norfolk is a vivid and colorful city, unlike any other along the busy eastern seaboard. Because of the Navy, the population is very transient, which makes it one of the most un-southern cities in the South. Norfolk and Tidewater area can be lots of fun, so if you like world-class seaports like I do, you'll love it here.

For more detailed information, pick up a copy of the BOB DAMRON ADDRESS BOOK '84--America's foremost travel guide--available at most better bars, baths, and bookstores throughout America. Or send \$12 for your own copy (which includes packing and shipping) to BOB DAMRON ENTERPRISES, INC., PO Box 14-077, San Francisco, CA 94114.

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Horoscopes

By Dr. Pat Larr

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)--A party person, you always look forward to your solar return (birthday) for the whirl of festive gatherings the season brings. Don your gay apparel and let "party" be your middle name.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)--Venus enters your sign mid-month and does a wild pas de deux with Jupiter. This bizarre ballet could prove to be a real Nutcracker. Watch out!

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 18)--Check your list twice and you're sure to separate the naughty from the nice. Hang your stockings by the chimney with care, and you're sure to find a big surprise under your tree.

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20)--You may have a few silent nights this month, but they won't be lonely. Proposals from you, propositions from them. Everyone wants to lick your candy cane.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19)--Fairy tales can cum true, and you're just the fairy to prove it. You're sure to get everything on your Christmas list if you spend a lot of time sitting on Santa's (or that special someone's) lap.

TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20)--You're the darling of the party set as the moon enters Uranus on the 12th. Everyone wants to kiss you under the mistletoe. Kiss kiss!

GEMINI (May 21-Jun 20)--It's Scooge time for your finances. Be sensible with your pennies, and you won't end up feeling like Tiny Tim.

CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22)--Chestnuts roasting on an open fire. Jack Frost (or that special someone) nipping at your nose (and elsewhere). As usual the best way to spend your favorite time of year is cuddling with close ones. Enjoy.

LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22)--Mars enters your House of Romance on the 23rd, so don't expect the usual Christmas cheer from that special someone. Try to grin and bear it or you may wind up with coal in your Christmas stocking.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22)--Beware of Holiday turkeys. Don't believe all those sweet nothings they'll be whispering in your ear or you'll wind up getting the bird.

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 22)--Everyone wants to toy with the teddy bear of the Cosmos. You're sure to find just what you want for Christmas right under your tree. Unwrapping, it's the fun part.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 22)--Watch those finances! How about giving some homemade gifts this year? Isn't that the way you like it anyway--at home, being made?

Faux Pas

By Ed E. Kett

Dear Mr. Kett,

Yes, I admit it, I'm a chubby chaser. Give me a man with a lot of extra meat on his bone (and else-

Euphemia

Dear Euphemia,

Often I eat at a restaurant which is frequented by mostly gay people. It's a fun atmosphere.

However, there's one waitress there who bugs me. If she's working when I go there, she invariably rushes up and grabs me and hugs me and kisses me; and after a lot of loud gushing about "Darling this" and "Darling that," she tries to propel me to her station. She obviously pouts if I try to avoid her or insist on sitting someplace else. I've even heard her tell the other waitresses and waiters that I'm her customer and for them to keep their cotton-picking hands off. Once when I absolutely insisted on sitting with some friends in another waiter's station, I heard her refer to me, when she didn't think I was within earshot, as a fag-hag.

Euphemia, I don't even like this person and all her attentions really bother me. I have never once done anything to encourage her. What do you think that I should do to discourage her? I really like going to this restaurant. (I'm not gay myself, but I love to be around gay men.)

Rosabianca

Darling Rosabianca,

My advice is: There are several ways to slap a rhinoceros.

The next time that randy waitress grabs you, slip her some tongue. Then when she is within earshot of you and your friends, loudly discuss the penile dimensions of your last man, or your incipient case of herpes, or your new butch boyfriend who is so jealous that he'd kill anyone who showed you some attention, etc., etc., etc. Just before you go, dump some coleslaw (or something similar) on the floor as she walks by. Then leave a two-cent tip.

You get the idea, I'm sure, and I'll bet she will too.

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where) and I'm ready to jump on said bone (hanging on elsewhere, of course) in a moment's notice. My problem? I'm twenty-seven, 6'1" and weigh 170, and am not unattractive. Too often I find that men who are attracted to me are too thin. How do I politely tell these toothpicks that they just don't have enough goodies for me to hang onto?

Yours truly,

Miles

Dear Miles,

Looking for a heavyweight eh? It's never rude to be truthful as long as you're not brutally honest. Just tell these stringbeans they're not your type. There are lots of meatie men out there dying to let you grab hold of their bones and lovehandles. Don't waste yourself on small potatoes.

Always,

Edwards Endicott Kett

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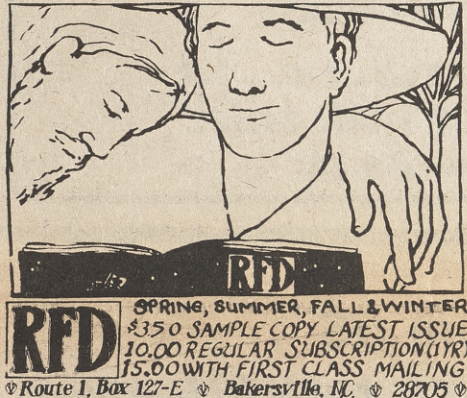
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Book Reviews

A DIFFERENT LOVE, by Clay Larkin
(Alyson Publications, Boston, 1983).

Reviewed by Alex M. Vernon

Can a young gay couple from eastern Iowa survive a move to San Francisco and not split up? Can they abstain from the profuse temptations popping up all over the gay Polk Gulch ghetto? A DIFFERENT LOVE, a new novel, concerns Billy, a good-looking, "insistent blond young animal" barely out of his teens, and his older boyfriend, Harold, a tall, dark-haired foundry worker with huge, well-set shoulders. They met only a few months earlier, and for both of them, it was a first experience. After word gets around and friends stop speaking to them and Harold is in a near-miss accident, they decide they need a safer haven and flee their poky midwestern town. From a hometown with no visible gay life, they go to and settle into the heart of gay culture, innocent neophytes immersed suddenly into a raw and predacious world. Poor guys. Back home they only had each other, but here they cannot step out of their apartment without being cruised. Temptations, in the form of hunks in flannel shirts and well-stuffed 501s, are omnipresent--in the streets, on every corner, and packed into the bars. (We should all have such problems.) The author obviously knows his territory, so readers in the heartland will find an accurate account of what San Francisco's gay scene has to offer.

Though Billy and Harold try to remain true, they become caught up with other fellows and their love threatens to dissolve. These encounters are explicit and the story certainly builds to a climax. To find out exactly what Frank is "running his exploring tongue down the large crevice" of, see page 75, or to see if Billy escapes when he finds himself pinned on an unfamiliar bunk, but his struggling "efforts only increase the spreading sense of pleasure in his midsection," you will want to check out page 42. This book provides enjoyment of another kind, since the story has its merits and the author's style is very readable.

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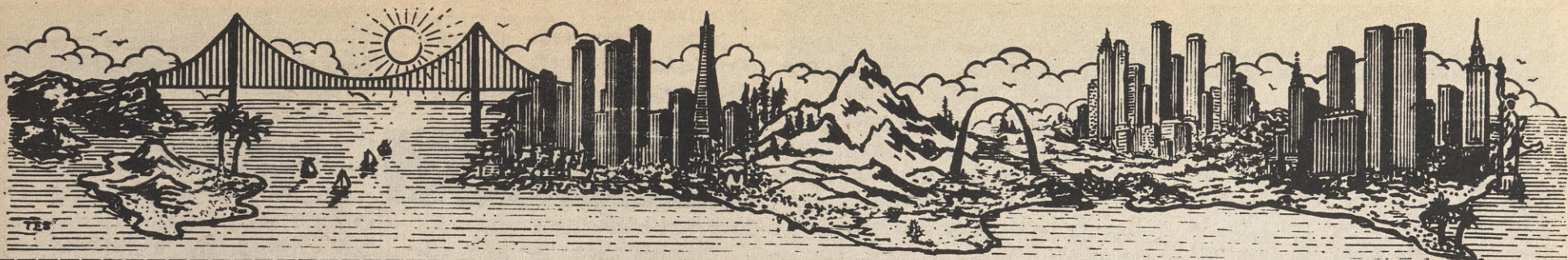
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Leave your name and telephone number, and one of the organizers will call you to schedule a private, individual appointment. Confidentiality will be strictly maintained.

East Lansing

The gay community has been active in East Lansing over the past few weeks. The Lansing Association for Human Rights Political Action Committee prepared recommendations on political candidates and motivated gay persons to vote. For more information about this group write: 855 Grove Street, Room 208, East Lansing, Michigan 48823 or telephone (517) 337-7825.

Lansing

The Lansing Association for Human Rights (LAHR) reports a successful accomplishment after months

of work when Ingham County became the first county in Michigan to provide direct funding to the gay/lesbian community.

A grant of \$1500 was made to LAHR to operate a telephone counseling and crisis intervention hotline for gay women and men. Gay activists attributed the funding to the growing political power of the gay community.

A support group for Juanita Thomas is sponsoring a movie, "Being A Prisoner," on Friday, December 2 at Christo Rey on 1314 Balland in Lansing. The support group will use the funds to purchase clothing and other personal items for Juanita, who is serving a controversial prison term.

To contact the Lansing area lesbian/gay hotline, call (517) 332-1611.

Tulsa

The gay community in Tulsa had its official Miss Gay Tulsa Pageant on Sunday, November 27. The event has become a tradition since it first started in 1970. The pageant has been held in different locations over the years. Participants have always had an exciting and fun-filled evening and 1983 was no exception. Persons who have attended functions over the years have noted an increasing openness on the part of performers and the audience.

Reno

Stonewall Park is a community being planned in Nevada. A planned community catering to gay needs will be constructed on some 300 acres.

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Development and city ordinances will be designed to preserve growth in a fashion suitable to gay needs.

For information, write Stonewall Park, 316 California Avenue, Box 523, Reno, NV 89509.

Socorro

There is now an organization for gay people at New Mexico Tech in Socorro, New Mexico. The gay student group which calls itself Gays & Friends New Mexico Tech began meeting after an announcement appeared in the school's weekly announcement bulletin, SCOPE.

The organization's goal is to make Socorro a more open and tolerant community for gays and lesbians. The group provides mutual support, education, and social in-

teraction for its members.

Reaction by the student body to the formation of the gay group was generally critical, but the group has suffered little harassment. Most of the members have been very concerned about anonymity, but its leaders have become well known on campus as gay activists.

For more information, call Tina Caton at (505) 835-5904 or Chris Berry at (505) 854-2495.

Albuquerque

The power of the gay vote is becoming evident in Albuquerque where ten of the nineteen candidates for the City Council attempted to garner support from the gay community at a candidates' forum sponsored by the New Mexico Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance. Nine of the ten candidates at the forum stated that they would support a lesbian and gay civil rights ordinance which would ban discrimination in the city of Albuquerque on the basis of sexual or affectional orientation in employment, housing, public accommodations, and governmental services.

Alabama

University of Alabama recently recognized an organized Gay Student Union on campus. The group had to list 25 faculty co-sponsors. Approval was opposed because of the group's philosophies. The denial was overturned by the Director of Campus Activities.

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Clearlake

By Bill Mooney

It is time to break out those fur-lined JOCKS! Winter is here and CLEARLAKE is getting ready. Wood is being piled near front doors to be close to fireplaces. Be sure that you make plans for the holidays! The resorts are getting their package deals ready! The CABARET'S auction at the end of each month is really getting to be more and more fun, and the food is really good; keep up the good work! The pool tournament at the CARARET and SUNSET POINT is being put together, and it looks like there should be enough pool players for at least two teams; be sure to check with the bars for more details. DAVID

Houston

INTERACT, Houston's oldest gay rights organization, recently re-organized to serve older gays. The agency will be dedicated to providing social, educational, and support services to gays over the age of 40.

The group is expected to provide activities such as rap sessions, group trips, dances, dinners, and support services such as those required by individuals who have lost a spouse due to death or other reasons.

Although the organization's focus will be on gays over 40, individuals under that age who have concerns for older gays will also

be welcome.

For additional information, write PO Box 16041, Houston, TX 77222 or phone (713) 529-7014.

San Jose

By Robert Colton

In the next several issues, I plan to have several personal interviews with key people in our San Jose community. This issue I will start with Neil A. Buler, owner of Buck's Saloon & Ice Cream Parlor, located at 301 Stockton Avenue & West Julian Street. I have met many people in different types of businesses, but after meeting Mr. Bulmer, I have found that he is a unique person who is open hearted, understanding, considerate, and caring. Neil has remodeled the entire bar from top to bottom and installed a new dance floor. The color scheme features dark blue, creme white, and hot pink.

The staff of Buck's includes Lisa (the Reigning Empress of San Jose), Allen, Jim, Kathy--the bartenders--and Sandy, the doorman.

Neil opened the bar to provide a place in which members of the gay

community can enjoy themselves. A pool table is available for those who play the game. Disco, pin ball, video games, and the best conversations in town are also available.

If someone needs to talk, Neil will be a friend. Thank you, Neil, for the time you gave for this interview.

Coming up in December, the Emperor of the Penguin Court and the Empress of the Royal Cat Court will hold their Christmas Ball at Letterman Hall. Watch for posters and flyers for more information.

NELSON will be missed by all of his friends here; take good care of him Sacramento.

KIRBY'S VILLAGE is now open for dinners and they are really doing a good job. There are daily specials for breakfast, and the dinners are very reasonable. Chef John is looking forward to serving you dinner when in LAKEPORT. Both SUNSET POINT and THE CABARET are putting on NEW YEAR'S EVE bashes. Make your reservations early so you can enjoy the party. ARTIE is the new bartender at the CABARET during the day. Stop in and say hello. A CHRISTMAS PARTY at the CABARET will be held the weekend of Dec. 17.

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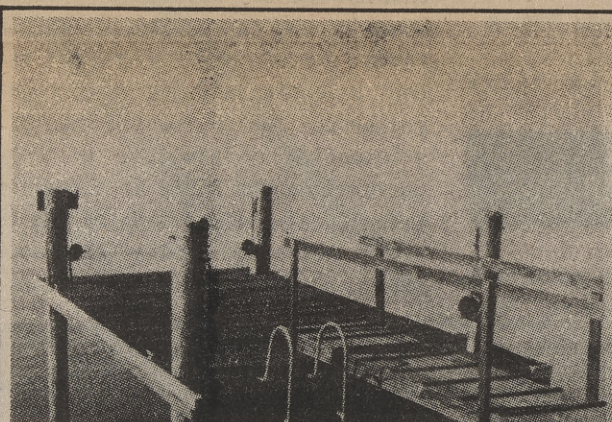
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Ft. Collins

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Flagstaff

Should a little city in the American outback, Flagstaff, with a small but significant gay community, be concerned with AIDS? A group of registered nurses at Northern Arizona University is doing a study on AIDS and tackled this question and others at a recent Gay Alliance of Northern Arizona (GANA) meeting.

"Flagstaff is a crossroads with people from all over the world passing through it," said one of the nurses. "It is not likely that Flagstaff will experience an AIDS epidemic, but considering the number of travelers passing through town, it is possible that there might be an isolated case."

But how do we help an AIDS patient? The attitude of many people in the medical profession is a concern of the northern Arizona gay community. One employee at the Flagstaff Hospital recently said, regarding an AIDS case here in Flagstaff, "We will buy him a one-way ticket to Phoenix." Many GANA

members were shocked by this statement, and the alliance is now considering ways of educating the hospital and the general community on AIDS.

In other news, the Halloween Ball (a drag show at the Jerome Palace) in Jerome was a big success. Many thanks to the performers who came up from Phoenix. The Thanksgiving potluck in Flagstaff also proved that there is a need for more social events around here.

The new address for GANA is PO Box 1663, Flagstaff, AZ 86002. The weekly GANA support-group meetings will end December 6 and will resume again sometime in January. The spiritual group in Flagstaff continues to meet every two weeks.

Finally, a big thanks to all the people making 1983 a good year for gay people in northern Arizona. Special thanks to Terry Kampf, who now lives in Tucson, and Marty at Aradia Bookstore here in Flagstaff.

Tucson

The Tucson MCC Church now has both a new home and a new pastor.

The church's new home is a building which is an historical landmark located at 560 S. Stone. It was erected in 1910 for use as a synagogue.

The new pastor, David Gunton, is from Canada and had churches in Ontario, Vancouver, and Virginia before coming to Tucson. With Rev. Gunton came Bruce Wale, also from Canada, who is another great asset to the congregation.

The Tucson MCC Church welcomes all visitors. The church phone is (602) 722-4536.

Indianapolis

Indianapolis Mayor William Hudnut III recently met with a group of gay activists to answer questions concerning the civil rights of gay people. The meeting was requested by representatives of various gay and lesbian organizations in Indianapolis. Hudnut agreed to the meeting as part of his campaign for re-election. This marked the first time that a mayor of Indianapolis officially met with a group to address issues of the gay community.

When asked if he viewed the gay community as a distinct minority group such as the black community, the Mayor indicated that he did believe that gay people constitute a minority group. Most of the questions asked by the group pertained directly to equal civil rights for gays in Indianapolis and Hudnut's power to initiate changes to guarantee equal protection. Regarding employment of openly gay people in city/county government, Hudnut stated that sexual orientation would not be a basis of discrimination.

Phoenix

Punkin Productions has announced that its Premiere Production will be the First Annual Miss Gay Phoenix Pageant which will be held Sunday, January 15 at Sammy's, 2125 E. McDowell Road at 8:00 PM.

Punkin Productions' main objective is to provide talented female impersonators the oppor-

tunity to compete in a fair and friendly manner with their peers. Punkin Productions is the brainchild of Gregg Silvia, who announced: "I...want to give the Phoenix gay community a showcase to talent, a night of fun and entertainment, and ultimately a representative to be proud of."

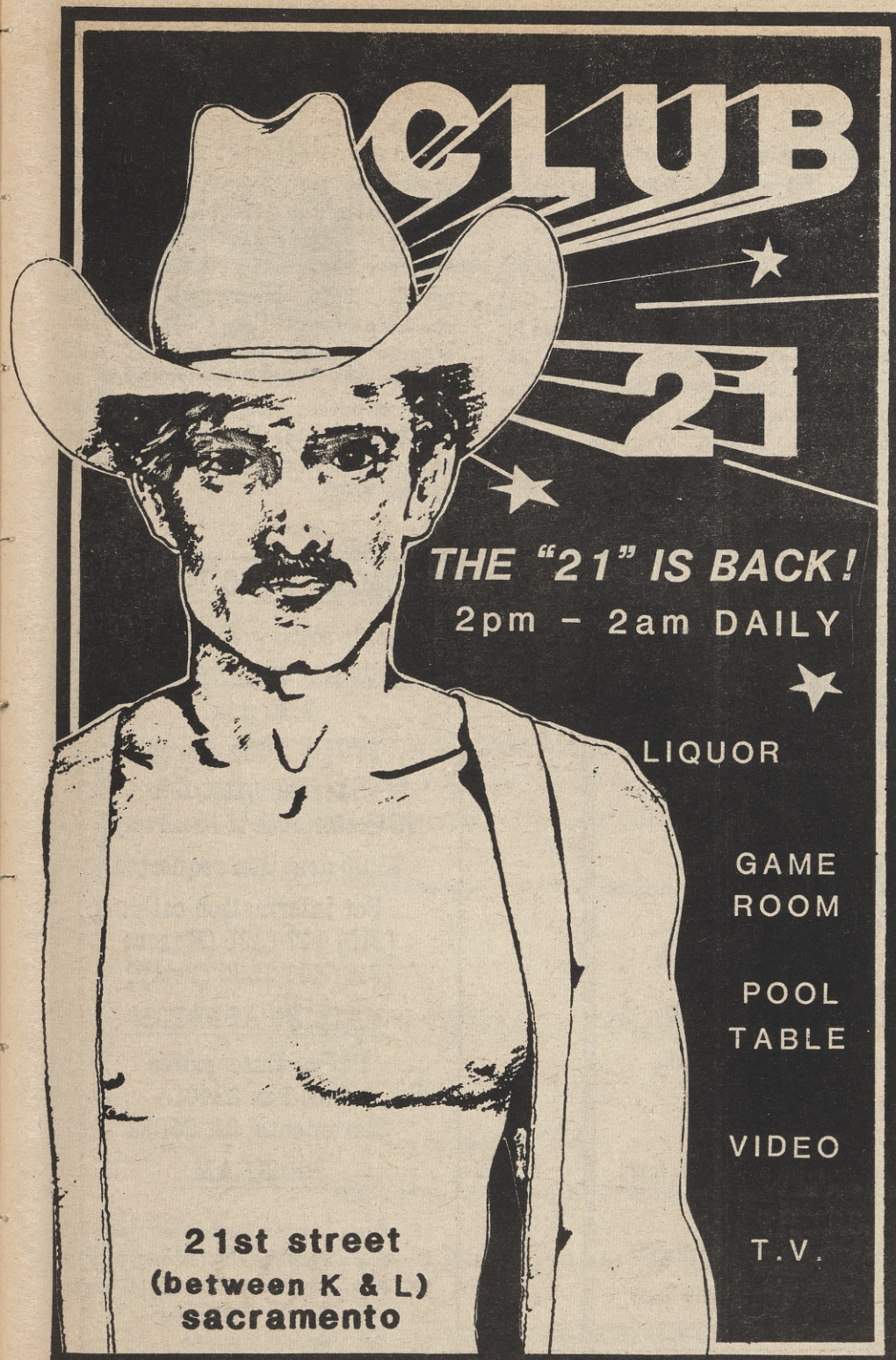
Anyone interested in entering the Miss Gay Phoenix Pageant is urged to contact Gregg at (602) 275-9132. Deadline for entry in the pageant will be January 1, 1984.

Cheyenne

Tri-State Lambda (TSL) reports the gay community has been active in Wyoming in recent weeks. This includes a highly successful 4th anniversary dance which took place in Cheyenne. The group plans to hold its Christmas Holiday party on Tuesday December 13. Persons who are interested are encouraged to attend and bring an imaginative gift for under \$3. The party will start at 8 PM. at Izaak Walton Hall in Cheyenne.

TSL indicates that years of trying to obtain a place where gay women and men could go to socialize have finally paid off. Gay people can now dance and have fun together at the Horse Creek Inn, near Cheyenne, on Thursday evenings.

For more information about TSL, write PO Box 1542, Cheyenne, WY 82001.



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San Diego

The 1984 Gay and Lesbian Film Festival in San Diego is now being planned. There has been one previous festival put on by the Men's Center, which was highly acclaimed.

An independent film/video competition is being planned. Entries are now being accepted for 8 and 16mm films and video cassettes. All entries will be judged for creativity, thematic content, and technical merit, and must be received by the Film Festival Committee no later than January 31, 1984.

Entry forms and rules for the competition may be obtained by writing to: San Diego Gay and Lesbian Film Festival Committee, 3515 4th Av., Suite 4, San Diego, CA 92103.

Concord

Diablo Valley Community Center has completed the first training program for volunteers who will operate gay crisisline. The need for a gay crisisline in the Contra Costa County has been recognized for a long time.

The training program included over 30 hours of intense study on such areas as abuse (physical, emotional, child, drug, and alcohol), relationships, depression, death and dying, AIDS, suicide, and good listening skills. There will be another class offered this spring. Anyone interested in future training or helping in other areas is encouraged to write Diablo Valley Community Center, 1818 Colfax Ave., Concord, CA 94520.

The line will be open on a limited basis until additional funding and volunteers are available. The line will become operational December 2 and will be open each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for 7-10 PM. The number is (415) 674-0171.

Modesto

There are two discussion groups available at the present time in Modesto. One group is oriented to the needs of gay women and focuses on personal and relationship issues. For more information, call J. McCarthy at (209) 526-3019.

The second group is oriented to the needs of gay men. Attendance is limited. For information, call: (209) 523-0720.

Washington DC

Robert E. Bauman, an openly gay former four-term congressman from Maryland, recently survived a move to remove him as a member of the board of directors of the American Conservative Union. Bauman was once a leading light of the Republican neoconservative movement.

A board member and head of the National Conservative Political Action Committee, John T. Dolan, who is also one of Bauman's defenders, confirmed that he said during the meeting that the effort to boot Bauman off the board amounted to "not-so-subtle fag-bashing."

Seattle

The United States Transvestite-Transsexual Contact Service will sponsor Miss Hung America on April 1, 1984. Twenty-five major cities will select their representative to the Grand Finale, which will be held in Hollywood. The winner, who will be selected on the basis of personality, talent, and style as well as measurement (!), will fly Pan Am on an "Around the World" Ticket plus expenses.

Any interested man who makes a hot-hung lady should send his picture in drag (displaying his tool), and include his phone and a 100-word autobiography to the United States Transvestite-Transsexual Contact Service, 1017 B. East Pike Street, Seattle, WA 98122--attention Phil Salem. Gay bar owners who are interested in being involved should contact Phil Salem at (206) 624-8266.

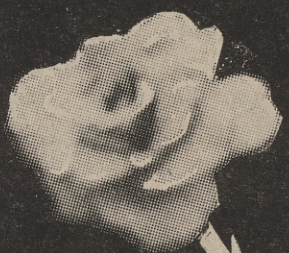
Hollywood

In the nation's first search-and-seizure video piracy raid ever conducted by a gay film producer, Laguna Pacific, Ltd., of Hollywood, has successfully roused a Florida video bootlegging firm.

Laguna Pacific, specializing in the production of male x-rated films, was aided by federal marshals and private investigators in a recent Fort Lauderdale raid on Atlantic Video, which is accused of pirating and selling at premium prices, video cassettes of Laguna Pacific's motion pictures.

Tip-off of the bootlegging operation of Atlantic Video of Fort Lauderdale came when an ex-employee's guilty conscience prompted him to tell Laguna Pacific about it. Atlantic reportedly dubbed x-rated movies onto lower-quality video cassettes (including cheap surplus computer tape) and then sold the counterfeit tapes to customers at premium prices ranging from \$69.95 to \$89.95. The employee said that Atlantic had at most \$5-10 invested in its dupes.

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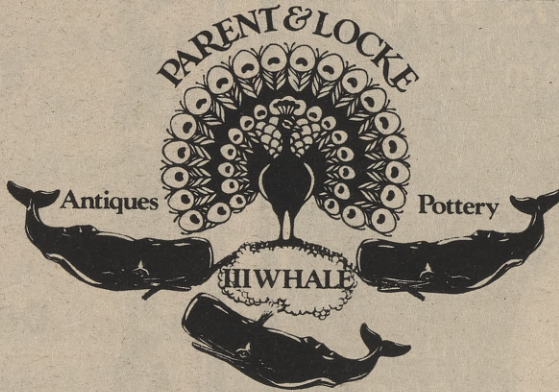
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Sioux City

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The phone line has been in operation since September. The hours are Tuesday-Thursday 7-10 PM and Friday-Saturday 9 PM-3 AM. The phone number is (515) 258-GLIS.

Persons who want to help should call because there is a training program for volunteers.

Montana

The Billings Chapter of Out In Montana can be contacted at the Yellowstone Lambda Alliance, PO Box 20011, Billings, MT 59104, (406) 256-6216. Officers have been elected and chapter plans now call for a monthly dance.

Ames

By Rob Wrisberg

Gays & Lesbians of Ames (GLA) is a group which was instrumental in getting a proposed amendment before the Ames City Council. (Note: Ames is 30 miles north of Des Moines).

The amendment, which would have prohibited discrimination on

the basis of sexual orientation, failed for lack of a second. Consequently, Iowa City remains the only Iowa town to have a municipal code protecting gays and lesbians.

Solano County

Women Preferring Women is growing! The Solano County social group has a meeting every Thursday evening in Vallejo and on Wednesday evenings in Fairfield. Both Fairfield and Vallejo meetings are held in local homes, and there is a monthly potluck for both groups.

The meetings feature discussions. December's topics include: Meeting Other Women: What Are The Options?; Why Gay Rights Legislation?; and Bi-sexuality.

December 7 will be WPW's monthly potluck. An after-Christmas Blues Social is scheduled for December 28. A New Year's Eve party is being planned.

All women choosing to love women are invited. Meetings are designed to support women exploring a new relationship and women already coupled.

All meetings are free; wheelchair accessibility varies. For more information, call (Vallejo) (707) 643-0626, or write PO Box 73, Fairfield, CA 94533. All inquiries are confidential.

Boston

A group of doctors in Boston recently announced that the leading cause of sexually transmitted disease in the United States is the bacterium known as Chlamydia trachomatis. That bacterium is a major cause of sore throats in adults.

Chlamydia and another common bacterium, Mycoplasma pneumoniae, which together are believed to cause approximately 30 percent of all adult sore throats, are also believed to be easily treatable with antibiotics.

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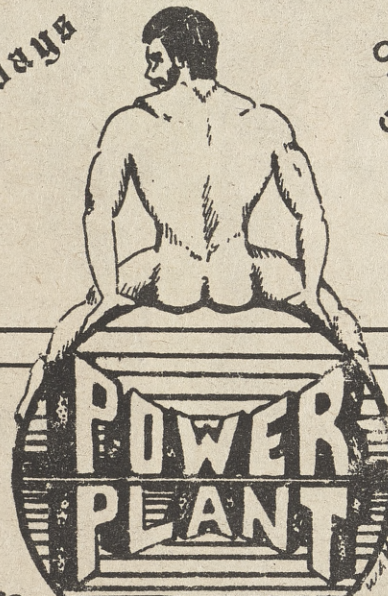
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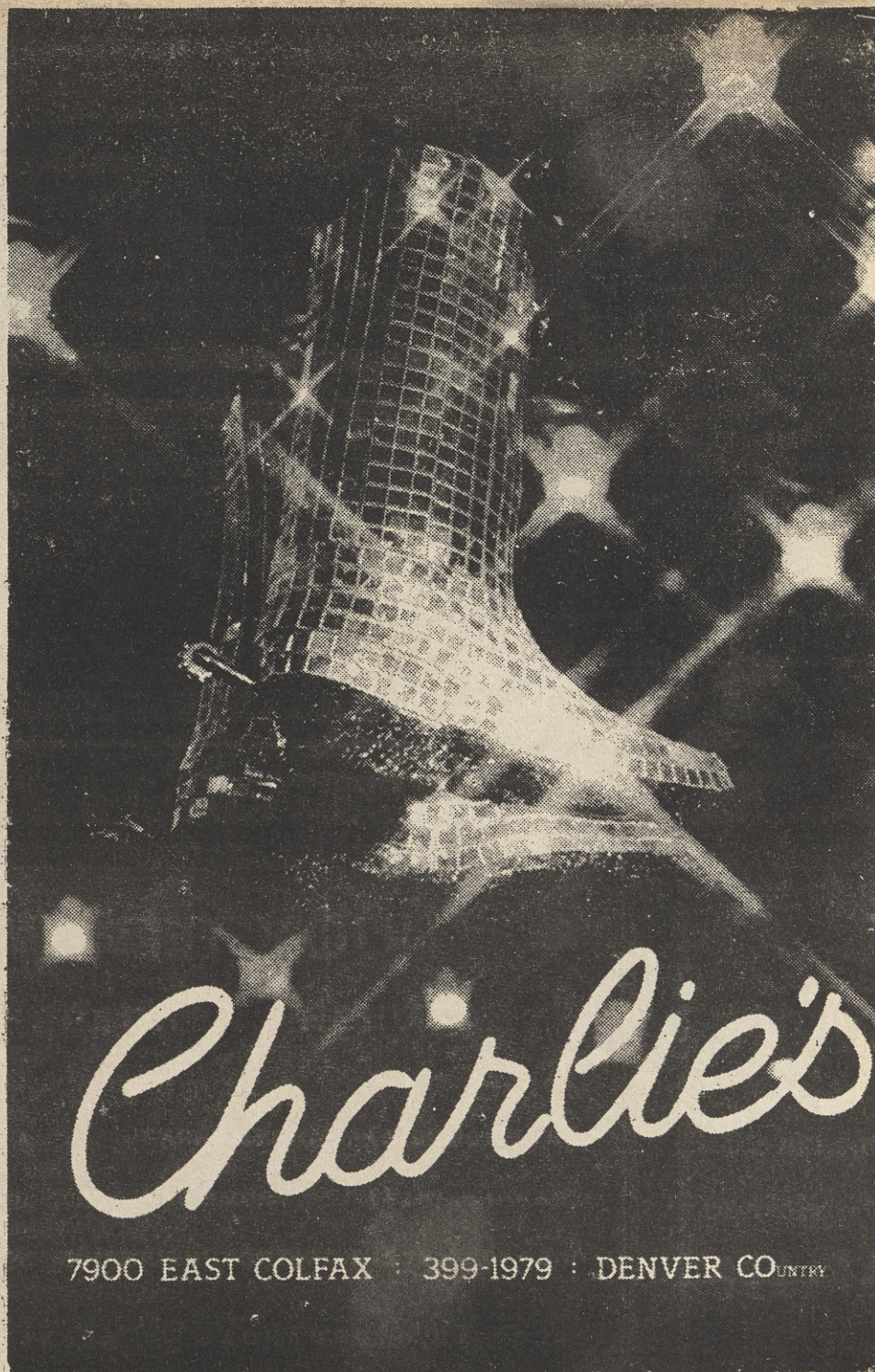


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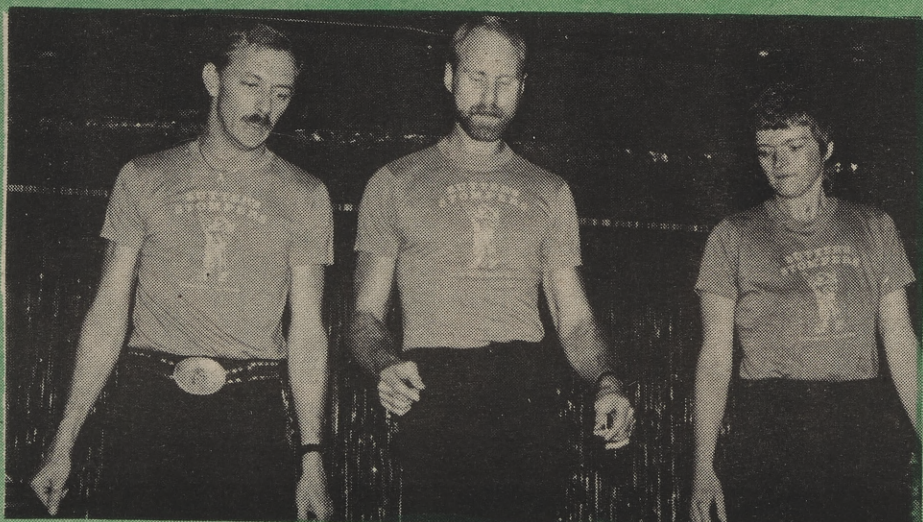
The PATLAR GAZETTE held its Second Annual Fund Raiser, Sunday, November 6, at THE FORUM in Sacramento. It was a huge, heart-warming success. Everyone seemed to have had a great time.

Skip did an excellent job organizing the event. He, along with Yvette, emceed the show which featured wonderfully talented people who travelled from as far away as Reno, Modesto, and Hayward to participate. The owners, management, and staff of THE FORUM were very supportive; their help certainly contributed to the success of the event.

To everyone who participated in any way, we at THE PATLAR GAZETTE say THANK YOU.



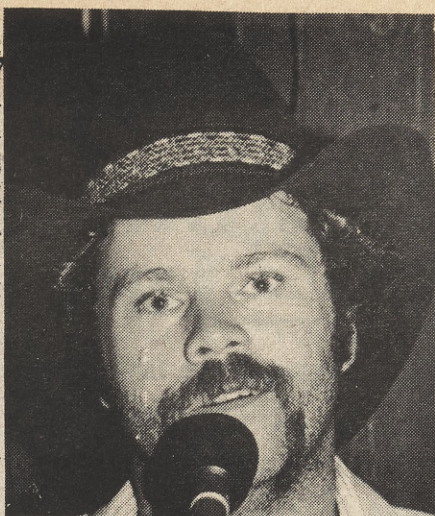
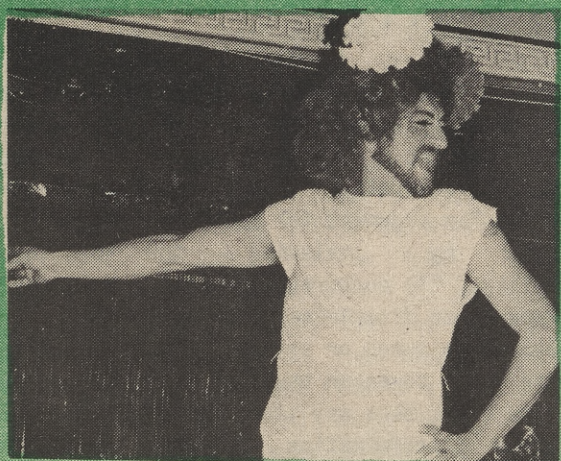
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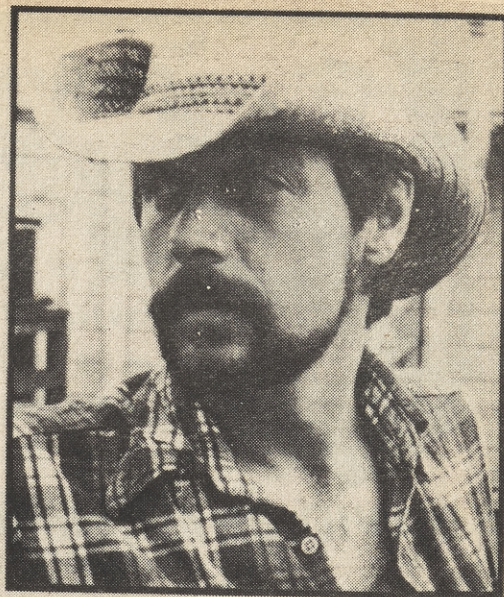
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San Francisco

December marks the 5th year Gay Youth Community Switchboard in San Francisco has been in operation. The Gay Switchboard is a pioneer program offering the first youth-for-youth community switchboard.

Since its inception, the Switchboard has helped thousands of Bay Area and nationwide callers alike. The Switchboard provides information and referral on community resources sensitive to lesbian/gay youth, maintains information on lesbian/gay youth events/activities, serves as a contact number for those groups without one, and provides peer counselors for young gays.

The Switchboard relies on donations for its income. Make donations payable to GYCC, PO Box 846, San Francisco, CA 94101. The number at the switchboard is (415) 552-6025.

New York

During the last three months, AIDS cases in the state of New York have dropped by 30 percent. In mid-November, New York's health commissioner, Dr. David Axelroad, announced at a New York Academy of Sciences conference on the disease, that: "During the last three months, the average number of cases was 45, and in the 18 months preceding that period, the average number of cases was 65." Axelroad went on to say that while the real reason for the decrease isn't understood yet, it may be the result of male homosexuals giving up a promiscuous lifestyle.

New York Governor, Mario Cuomo, recently issued an executive order banning discrimination against homosexuals, saying the order was "an argument for securing freedom by insisting on neutrality." "To encourage or allow government to discriminate against any belief or creed or private way of life would threaten us all."

The order bans any state agency from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation against any individual in the provision of any services or benefits. The

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order also requires all state agencies to ignore sexual orientation in hiring, job appointment, promotion, tenure, recruitment and compensation.

Cuomo also said he would name a taskforce composed of the heads of 13 major state agencies and seven private citizens to investigate possible discrimination by the state against homosexuals. He ordered the state Office of Employee Relations to develop procedures to ensure swift and thorough investigation of complaints of discrimination.

International Crossroads

Germany

An exhibit on the history and everyday life of homosexuals in being assembled by the Berlin Museum. The exhibit, entitled "Homosexual Men and Women in Berlin from 1850-1950," will focus on the Roaring Twenties, Berlin's golden era. Gays living in Berlin during those years embodied the flair of a large metropolis and demanded the city's traditional standards of open mindedness for themselves. Major emphasis will also be given to the Nazi years when gay people were sent to concentration camps, or were forced to emigrate. Documents, photographs, and actual testimony of gay women and men who lived in Berlin during these periods will illustrate their history.

Russia

The Bulletin of the International Gay Association reports that a group of about 30 gay men and lesbians has been formed in Russia to provide an informal support and educational organization to work for the repeal of the country's anti-gay laws.

Information from a gay man in Leningrad indicates that repeal of Article 121 which prohibits sexual relationships between men in the military is the key to the establishment of an official organization for gay men and lesbians.

In the meantime, however, the informal group will sponsor study sessions and language courses using gay-liberation texts as part of the curriculum.

France

In Dole, France, the National Mr. France Committee recently announced that a bartender, Jean-Claude Arrigon, 22, has been named Mr. France in that country's first male beauty contest. The macho competitors for the title, of which there were 23, were required to parade three times before a panel of women judges, first in tuxedos, then in casual attire, and then in underpants.

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ERNIE BROWN

Views from River City

I hope you had a nice Thanksgiving. I did. And there's more to come. We have reached that time of the year when we are confronted with the battle of the bulge & the pig-out syndrome. Adjust accordingly...Congratulations to the WRECK ROOM family for a beautiful third anniversary. This time I think you really did outdo yourselves. If flowers were an indication of your success in the community, you got your answer a hundredfold. I've never seen so many beautiful flowers...My hat is off to MOM GUESS WHAT for producing a fun-filled evening Nov. 22. Triumph '83 Awards was a Sacto first...I hope by now you have had an opportunity to talk to some of the members of the new club known as LA RAZA DEL AMBIENTE. It's a club basically for gay men & women who support Mexican and American Indian cultures and people of color. They had a fun-filled event at THE MERCANTILE SALOON last Nov. 21. Watch for their next event...For your enjoyment & pleasure this month, Bobbette & Ernie (MERCANTILE SALOON) are having their second annual Christmas Party, Monday Dec. 19 starting at 4 PM. Admission: Donation of food and/or toys. All proceeds will go to gay mothers & fathers with children. THE STUMBLE INN will be featuring for your listening pleasure a 27-year-old singin' cowboy, Mr. David Beard, Dec. 18, 19, 25, & 26, showtime 9:30 til 1:00 AM. Also at the SI, Michael will present his first Country Christmas Dec. 15 (check for time)...We have a new bar in town, sort of. The old CLUB 21 has gone gay again, with Ken Sage as the new proprietor. Congrats, Ken. You will also find some of our popular bartenders working there. Watch for their Grand Opening soon...I hope by now you have had a chance to see the floral & abstract designs adorning the walls at THE K-STREET. Paintings by George Kafouros. They will be on display through Dec. 30...Please don't forget THE VALLEY KNIGHTS' Christmas Party, Sat. Dec. 10, starting at 7 PM. Get your tickets now. They are going fast. They always have a fun party...GNIE will be having their Christmas Party Sun. Dec. 11 at THE FORUM starting at 6:30. They'll be giving out their Community Awareness Award. They will have a show, food, surprises...THE BROADWAY LIMITED is really packing them in for Sunday brunches & dinners. Mike Lee, good to have you back behind the bar there...THE POWER PLANT has a lot of beautiful things coming up for the month of December. Please check with them for events and times...Don't forget that every evening from 5-8 PM at SCANDALS Aunt Rose is your host/bartender. I've heard tell that you'll find him there pushing hot hors d'oeuvres...From what Charlie Preston tells me, the local gay social organization known as OUR RIVER CITY FAMILY is going great guns these days. Their December Potluck will be held 12-3-83. Call Kirk at 929-5040 or Charlie at 391-1362 for details...Flash Flash: You may now enjoy your favorite cocktail at the INCREDIBLE EDIBLE PLACE. They now have their liquor license. Congrats, Paul...Open house for volunteers of the Sacto AIDS/Sarcoma Foundation will be held Dec. 20, 5-7 PM at 2115 J St. Suite #3...LaKish, good luck in Reno. We are going to miss you here in River City...The Miracle of the Month: Dwaine is still married!...The Shocker of the Year: Meta (BWY/LTD) wearing a dress to Alex's birthday brunch...John L., you know that you're getting old when you hear the word "kinky" and you think of hair...George R., his body may be made by Nautilus, that kind of mind is from Mattel...Rod R. from Auburn, straight men who like to sit in the corner and play with themselves while watching their wives or girlfriends make it with another woman should be very careful who they call queer...Have a nice Holiday Season. See ya next year.

Brazil

A public nutritionist in Rio de Janeiro, Joao Francisco Amaral, is seriously recommending that human beings should learn to eat rats. Eating rats, he maintains, would not only give a person a good supply of the vital amino acid tryptophan and other proteins, it can also help put sparkle back into a fading sex life. "Rat meat is impregnated with testosterone hormone, a chemical substance which can stimulate the libido in cases of sexual dysfunction."

He suggests that said rats might taste particularly good served stewed in stroganoff, grilled in omelets, or baked under a layer of cheese.

Amaral, in a newspaper interview, said, "There is prejudice against rats because of taboo and

people's lack of knowledge about rats' nutritional richness." "The rat has praiseworthy eating habits. It lives off cereals in warehouses." He went on to say that he does not advise eating sewer rats, but favors the capture and even breeding of other wild rats.

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In Brazil, a judge recently ordered a notary public to accept the official registration of Grupo Gay da Bahia, a Brazilian gay-rights group. Such action provides the organization with legal protection, and it is believed to be the first gay group in Latin America to achieve this status.

In various local Brazilian elections, 51 candidates openly supported gay rights, including 16 incumbents. This represents a big improvement over 1978 when only one such candidate was elected to office.

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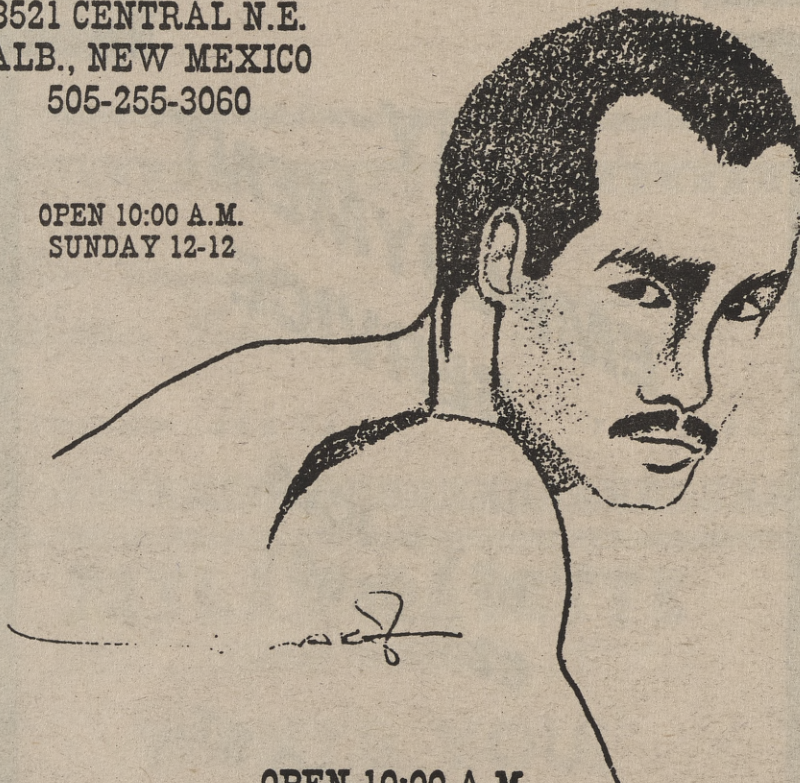
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More Book Reviews

FRANNY, THE QUEEN OF PROVINCETOWN by John Preston (Alyson Publications, Boston, 1983). 89 pp.

ONE TEENAGER IN 10, edited by Ann Heron (Alyson Publications, Boston, 1983). 114 pp.

Reviewed by Jay Harrison

These two small books, published by a small house gaining in credibility, make a likely pair: in different ways, they say the same thing.

FRANNY is a sort of novel made from snippets of first-person observations, a melange of opinions and reactions to (or by) Franny covering a period of about thirty-three years, from hot-headed teenager to mellow but tough old queen, guide, mother confessor, and freedom symbol to a parade of stereotypical young gay boys and men. Plus one aging alcoholic professor from Amherst.

The intent of the book is serious and its battle cry no one can demean. Over and over, Franny illustrates, through his special alchemy, that everyone has unique possibilities, life is tough until you're ready to fight for your right to be different (or to be the same), but that you win when you love yourself, and your fellow, enough to do battle.

Out of this struggle, if won, it goes perhaps without saying, you learn to be as unconscious of self as straights can be. Then, there is room to love, to open and accept, and to know you fight not only for the beauties of the world, the studs and the pretty boys, but the queens, too-beautiful in their own glories.

Although Preston doesn't hammer the nail too much, it is the queens who are the heroines of this book, partly because they had to make a more flamboyant decision in the first place in order to live by standards of their own and to follow the call of the loon. To be a queen, with hair-do, makeup, and pink angora sweater, takes more balls than being a "safe" cardboard cutout wearing 50ls and a plaid flannel shirt.

Franny has some sort of personal magnitude, unclear to me, that cuts through generations and all manner of familiar hangups. Her "boys" flock to her in P-town, accepting without rancor or question her advice, and invariably are smoothed out and set on the right

track after a few sips of afternoon lemonade on her porch.

Well, bless me if this isn't just too much to swallow.

Good fiction ought to involve its readers, through the medium of fresh, supple language; it ought to wrench us out of the ordinariness of life; it should squeeze us out at the other end gasping with the stench of recognition, laughing, crying, or howling—even if only a howl of silent admiration. FRANNY does none of this. Preston does not seem able to recognize his own potentially great comic scenes, or the tragic ones, either. His people talk like robots, and act...well, the trouble is, they don't act at all. What we get is not action elevated to the artistic level of fiction, but brief, loosely dangling "chapters," tiny, dreary looks into the various minds of a string of undeveloped characters.

Platitudes, even ones we agree with, and stereotypes do not substitute for art. And if a writer is not reaching for art, he ought at least present us with something fresh. I don't doubt John Preston has a fine novel in his soul; FRANNY, alas, is not it.

ONE TEENAGER IN 10 does not pretend to be more than it is—a format for presenting the confessional letters of twenty-six young gay and lesbian writers, their fears and worries, troubles, and teenage love affairs. As such, it is a simple, artless testament to the hurt and confessions of growing up homosexual.


Alyson Publications elicited these letters through a notice in the back of a previous book, YOUNG, GAY AND PROUD, so their rather thin statistic should not be oversold; presumably, only those who came in contact with the earlier book would have known to write, and of those, only a few, probably, would have responded. Nearly every response is in part a coming-out statement to the world and in part advice, covert or open, about the necessity of facing the truth, however much trouble it causes at home or school, in order to begin to live with some degree of assurance and dignity.

ONE TEENAGER IN 10 speaks for truth, guts, and honesty, as FRANNY does, but with its own refreshing, if often lumpy, prose. It's the sort of book one might hand a "suspect" niece or nephew (or son/daughter), or child of a friend. How much it might have helped many of us, when we were young and in the same stew, to realize that if we were queer, so was much of the rest of the world.

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More than twice during sex, I've gotten my pubic hair all tangled up in those chains.

Also, the clattering and clanking and clunking and tinkling and jingling and jangling noises that all those chains and things make whenever he moves are enough to waken the dead.

Do you have any suggestions about what I should do to get Abe to wear fewer chains and to take them off during prime time? He's even picked out still another chain--he's already wearing thirteen--which he wants me to buy him for his birthday.

Alexander

Alexander,

Your wonderful new lover hasn't got a chain on Mr. T. However, if you think that Abe will ever remove any of those prides and joys of his, well, you're probably in for a letdown. Your best bet would be to learn to live with both them and the tweeking pains of captured pubic hairs. One of the hazards of a butch lover is that HE usually won't change HIS mind, so YOU--probably not being quite so butch yourself--will have to change YOUR mind.

When shopping for that fourteenth chain, look for one without links that can catch or pull. Get used to the erotic slide of gold and soon you, yourself, may begin to wear one or two or three or more. You just might discover that it's sorta fun being butch, even if you end up having to have your ever-so-butch Abe shave your pubic hairs for you.

And about all those noises you describe, simply let them be music to your ears. Sorta like cowbells, they'll always let you know where Abe is. And when he rolls over at night, the noise they make should be very reassuring to you as you think back to the times when there was no one to roll over next to you. There are a lot of lonely people out there who would give anything to hear all that wholesome clatter.

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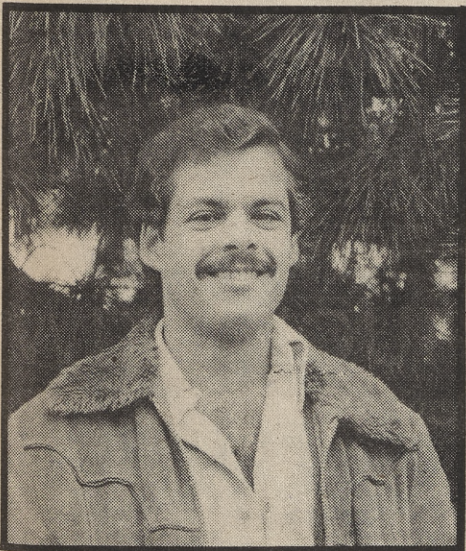
The National Third World/People of Color Conference has been scheduled for June 21-23, 1984 to coincide with Lesbian/Gay Pride Week.

The theme of the conference will be "Claiming Our Identities." Workshops, caucuses, speakers, and cultural events are planned for this conference, which is expected to attract up to 600 participants from the United States, Latin America, Canada, and the Caribbean.

Pre-registration is \$15 and should be made payable to TW/PC Conference. Donations and pre-registrations should be sent to 584 Castro Street, Suite 227, San Francisco, CA 94114.

Persons of color who live in the San Francisco Bay Area are encouraged to become a part of the Conference Planning Committee. Meetings are held every first and third Sunday throughout the Bay Area. For location of meetings, call Billy at (415) 621-8078 or Midgett at (415) 864-0876.

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COVER MAN

The Stonewall Gay Democratic Club in San Francisco has decided to take lead responsibility for organizing gay protests at the 1984 Democratic National Convention. Delegates to the convention will meet in San Francisco in August next year.

The club plans to contact gay organizations throughout the country to coordinate gay demonstrations. The plans are designed to take advantage of the widespread media coverage that will be available when democrats meet to nominate a presidential candidate.

The Stonewall Club has 200 members and is the smallest of San Francisco's three gay democratic clubs. There are many gay activists in its membership, however.

There are different opinions about how strident the gay protests might get next year. Some believe that demonstrations should be designed to work in context with democrats. Others believe that the tenor of the demonstrations should depend on how well the party platform or nominee responds to gay concerns.

Fear of heavily publicized gay demonstrations caused anxiety when San Francisco was being considered for the convention site. San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein and democratic party officials believe that the city and the convention will be able to cope satisfactorily with any demonstrations.



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GETTING THERE

By Tom Dolan

STILL LOOKING

There I was in my '65 VW, rubber tipping my gums as instructed by my periodontist,

rocking the car forward and back, waiting for the light to change, when who should pull up next to me but Dirk, my steady, the only almost constant in my life.

I rolled down my window and hollered, "Hey, Dirk! Where ya goin'?"

"I'm on my way to the Gondola. Wanna meet me there?"

"Sure," I said. The Gondola is an Italian restaurant offering two meals for the price of one on Thursday nights.

No sooner had we given our order to the waitress, "Two canelloni, please," than the trouble started.

"Would you like to come over for quiche tomorrow night," Dirk asked.

"Gee, I'm sorry, Dirk. I have other plans."

My friend looked stricken.

"Are you seeing somebody

else?" he asked.

"I have the feeling no matter what I say I'm in trouble," I said. "I'd rather not answer questions about tomorrow night."

"You're going to have sex with him, aren't you?" he said.

"I have no idea," I replied.

"You're open to it, aren't you?"

"I can't rule it out," I said, beginning to squirm.

"What kind of work does he do?" asked Dirk.

"He's an artist."

"You're susceptible to artists."

"I'm susceptible to men," I said.

"Is he good looking?"

I'm not answering any more questions," I said as two steaming plates of canelloni arrived at our table.

"They smell great!" I crowed.

"I can't eat," said Dirk.

"What do you mean you can't eat?" I said.

"I'm too upset."

"If you choose to be upset, that's your business. I'm going to enjoy my canelloni," I said, digging in.

"I don't know how you can sit there sucking up on canelloni under these circumstances," said Dirk.

"If you don't ease up, I'm going to have indigestion. Would that make you happy?"

"Yes."

"Listen, stupid, we love each other," I said. "Let's not be miserable."

"If you love me so much, why are you seeing this other guy?"

"It's important for me not to feel owned. I'm tired of the compulsory Friday night screw."

"You're hurting me," he said.

"You're hurting yourself. Peripheral relationships can enhance the primary one."

"Bullshit!"

"One man's bullshit is another man's wisdom. Anyway, I'm not going to marry this guy."

"You don't know that," he said.

"You're right," I admitted. "But what makes you think I'm going to run off?"

"I just feel it," he said.

"Your feelings are off the wall. But if you choose to create a purple monster, go right ahead! It will be amusing."

"Amusing?"

"Allow me to embellish the fantasy. This guy is an Adonis. As soon as he steps into my apartment, we plunge into bed and stay locked

in an obscene embrace till dawn when we pack our suitcases and head for Niagara Falls."

"That's enough," he said.

"I'm sorry," I said.

"Well," said Dirk, "you got what you wanted," one of his favorite expressions.

"So did you," I chimed as if on cue.

"I guess this is it," he said with the aire of a 19th century tragedian.

"Not again?" I said with mock surprise, sucking up the last of my canelloni.

"I didn't think it would happen so soon," said Dirk, "I'm not ready for it." He hastened to add, "I think I'm going to freak out."

I used to attract guys that liked to watch Saturday morning cartoons. Now I attract guys that cry.

"I'm going to cry," announced Dirk.

"Please don't cry in the canelloni. You'll ruin it," I said.

"That's not funny," he said, choking up.

"I should have said I was working late at the office."

"You've ruined my evening," he said.

"You're not exactly making mine," I said, adding "I'm sure you'll devour that canelloni as soon as you get it home."

"How can you be so cruel and heartless?"

"I'm only being honest. Honesty is a powerful aphrodisiac."

"So is love. Can we negotiate this thing?" asked Dirk.

"Sure," I said. "Let's start with the premise that you're manipulative and I'm paranoid."

"Who's manipulative?"

"You are. That's why we have so many conflicts," I said.

"We do not!" he screamed as heads turned. "Don't you ever say that!"

"I can't stand the thought of sharing your body with another man," he said.

"Then think about something else," I said, adding unnecessarily, "Half a loaf is better than none."

"That does it! You're hopeless."

"Shut up," I said.

"I will if you will," said Dirk.

"Do you want to go home and fool around?" I asked.

Dirk smiled across cold canelloni and said, "Do they put whole dinners in a doggie bag?"

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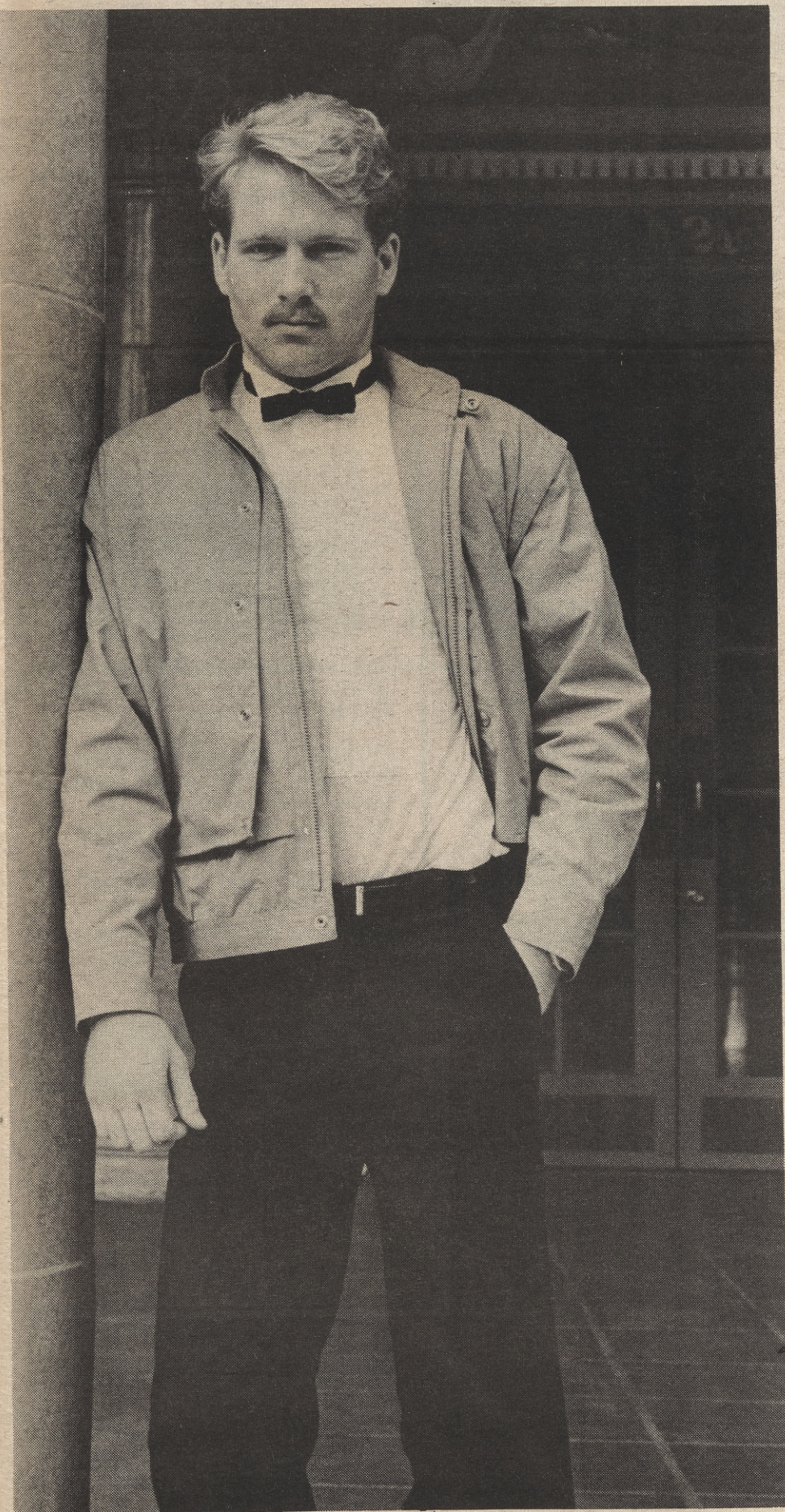
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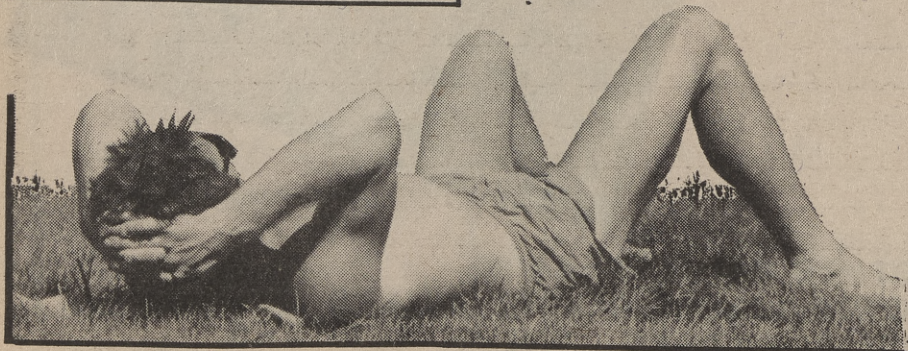
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